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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau has conducted any survey recently regarding malnutrition in children and adolescent girls in the country including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) & (b) The National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau under Indian Council of Medical Research has conducted survey on Diet and Nutritional Status of Population and Prevalence of Hypertension Among Adults in Rural Areas in 2004-05. The States include Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa & West Bengal. State wise details regarding prevalence of undernutrition in children 1-5 years and in the age group 10-17 years are given in Annexure I and II respectively.

(c) The problem of malnutrition is a multi-dimensional and inter-generational in nature which needs to be tackled throughholistic coordinated interventions in areas of food security, sanitation, safe drinking water, nutrition, family welfare and poverty alleviation. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is addressing the problem of undernutrition in children below six years through the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme in all States/UTs. The ICDS provides a package of six services namely supplementary nutrition, immunization, health check-up, referral services, pre-school non-formal education and nutrition & health education.

The Government has recently taken various steps which include Universalisation of the Scheme with special focus on SC/ST and minority habitations, revision in cost norms as well as the Nutritional and Feeding norms of the Supplementary Nutrition component of ICDS. In addition, Government has also introduced provision of flexi fund at Anganwadi Centre level and new World Health Organization (WHO) Growth Standards for growth monitoring.

Besides the ICDS programme, Government is implementing a number of schemes throughout the country, which directly or indirectly improve the nutritional status of women and children. A list of the schemes being implemented by various Ministries is at Annexure III.